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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 15 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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A conforming receiving device 200 includes a "certificate" 211 that is issued by a trusted authority to certify that the receiving device is a device that is configured to conform to standards that have been established to protect copy protected content material. This certificate 211 typically includes a public key of a public-private key pair that is associated with the receiving device 200, the identity of the receiving device, and a digital signature based on a private key that is associated with the trusted authority. The digital signature binds the identity of the receiving device to the public key ~~to the public key~~ of the receiving device. The receiving device 200 communicates this certificate 211 to a certification verifier 120 in the check-out/check-in device 100. The certification verifier 120 applies a public key associated with the trusted authority to verify a correspondence between the communicated public key and the identity and authenticity of the receiver by means of the digital signature in the certificate 211. Because only the trusted authority can be expected to provide a digital signature that can be verified by the trusted authority's public key, the proper verification of the digital signature is a certification that the receiving device 200 is an authorized recipient for protected content material.